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Barnes to Speak at October Meeting

Jacqueline Ann Barnes is the new Commander of the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department, and she will speak and field questions at the October 30 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. Appointed by Acting Chief Soulsby in midsummer, she formerly directed the Medical Services and Community Affairs divisions, commanded a patrol sector in the Third and First Districts, was a branch chief in the Data Processing Division, and also had experience in community/youth services and the child abuse and neglect section. During a brief visit to the FBA Board meeting in August, she stressed her belief in the value of increased patrols in residential districts, and heard from Board members of their concerns, one of which is the increase in auto vandalism and theft in the Foggy Bottom area.

There will also be a presentation by officials from GWU about its proposed Health & Wellness Center. The university hopes to build it at 23rd and G Streets. Its earlier plans failed to win approval from authorities, FBA Vice President Chris Lamb and St. Mary's Episcopal Church opposed those plans.

Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you and hope you take as much pride in our Foggy Bottom community we FB oldtimers do.

Here are some items which might be helpful to you:

- 1. Community organizations. The Foggy Bottom Association and the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A each meet monthly. Attendance at their meetings (and reading the FBA's Foggy Bottom News) will make you aware of FB happenings and issues.
- 2. Parking. It's at a premium in the Bottom and private spaces are closely monitored respect them. Parking in alleys, blocking sidewalks, and overtime parking are subject to hefty fines so beware. You are eligible for unlimited street parking if you obtain a residential parking permit (call 727-6680).
- 3. Pets. Leash them! Curb them! Clean up after them! Many of your neighbors work hard to maintain their front yards and tree spaces; resist the urge to let your dog "go" on them. There are a number of public spaces in the area that can be used by your pets but you still must clean up after them.
- 4. Noise. Please keep radios and stereos at a level so as not to disturb your neighbors, especially at night. Occasional parties are expected and acceptable, but be considerate and notify neighbors in advance. The police noise complaint number is 282-0070. It is for your use as well as your neighbors' use.

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What's That Building at 24th & G?

By Beth Donovan

You may have noticed an attractive, modern, two-story brick edifice as you trek through the neighborhood and mused briefly as to whom it belongs. Without acute scutiny, the building may appear to have no sign designating its function. Your mind starts to wander. Could it be that right here in Foggy Bottom, next to a senior home and across from a church, there is a covert outlandish enterprise thriving unbeknownst to all Bottomers? The windows, present only on the second story, are suspiciously impenetrable to the human eye.

My editor and Foggy Bottom Association president, Ellie (continued on page 7)

GWU Students Plan FB Clean Up

The Student Association of George Washington University is planning a "Clean Up Foggy Bottom" project on Saturday, November 4. A part of the organization's community relations efforts, students, faculty and GW administrators are invited, and FB residents are heartily encouraged to pitch in as well.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Marvin Center Continental Ballroom (2nd floor), for information and assignment to cleanup groups. The Student Association's phone number is 994-7100; you can also call "Q" Golparvar, Director of Community Relations, at 994-9530 for info or to make suggestions.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Inspector Jacqueline A. Barnes
Commander, Second District,
Metropolitan Police

Monday, October 30, 1995 St. Paul's Parish House 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, December 4)

Mayor to Hold Ward 2 Town Meeting

On Thursday, November 2, D.C's Mayor Marion Barry will hold a Town Meeting for Ward 2. The event, scheduled for Francis Junior High School in our area, will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Francis is located at 24th & N Streets, N.W. Parking is available at the rear of the school.

Tentative subjects for the meeting are:

- Financial Status of the City
- Control Board/Chief Financial Officer
- Public Safety
- Mayor's "Clean Sweep" Program
- Department of Public Works
- Downtown Arena

In addition to the Mayor, scheduled to appear are:

- Michael Rogers, City Administrator
- Larry Soulsby, Acting Chief of Police
- Larry King, Director, Department of Public Works
- Hampton Cross, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
- Betty Jo Gaines, Director, Parks & Recreation
- Vernon Hawkins, Director, Department of Human Services
- James Gaston, Director, Department of Administrative Services

This event, while held in our area, is for the whole of Ward 2, which includes Dupont Circle, Southwest, Near Northeast, Georgetown, Burleith, Chinatown, Shaw, Logan Circle, Foxhall, and other downtown neighborhoods. All these areas are active in community and political affairs, and most will probably be well represented at the meeting — so come early to get a seat!

Foggy Bottom/West End Hotels

At the ANA

Along with the ANA Hotel, the World Wildlife Fund, the hotel's neighbor and partner in many activities, is sponsoring a marine conservation essay competition for children in middle schools across the nation. The grand prize winner will enjoy a 10-day trip for two to Baja California and the Sea of Cortez, to observe grav whales and sea

Topics which can be selected are "On the Move: Managing Migratory Marine Species"; "Where Have All the Fish Gone?"; or "Conserving Coral Reefs." Five judges from the education and marine fields will select 25 finalists, and all will receive an art poster donated by Wyland, the renowned marine artists.

ANA's General Manager, Hans Bruland, explained that they hope to help the World Wildlife Fund's conservation efforts "by raising public awareness of the plight of our stressed marine ecosystems."

Also at the ANA, the Bistro is introducing six new creations by Pastry Chef Dan Michel, each presented on a plate designed by Eschenbach Porcelain to reflect the specific dessert. Even the names are delicious: Paloma's Revenge, Apple Pizza, Chocolate Trio, Amaretto Cheescake, Maple Crème Brulèe, and Folly or

day). Dessert lovers will find these at the Bistro, 2401 M Street, N.W.

At One Washington Circle

There is a young local singer named Mary Ellin Lerner who is scheduled to make two appearances at this hotel's West End Cafe in the near future. According to a recent newspaper story, she will appear November 19 and December 10, and you might want to mark the date. Lerner is the granddaughter of Irving Berlin, and has been involved in the chronicling and recording of his less-known music. She is also a journalist, with articles in several magazines. She remembers Berlin "as a very magical personality," whom she got to know when he was in his 70s.

At the Sheraton City Centre

Newly appointed at the Sheraton City Centre is Clyde Graham as Chief Engineer (was he ever important during this sultry summer!), and James Wright as Guest Services Manager. Graham is in charge of overall maintenance of the hotel's physical plant and structure, and Wright, in his newly created position, supervises the bellstand and concierge desk, Fancy (the chef's creation of the and is responsible for guests'

questions and concerns.

The hotel and its staff continue to serve as a friend to the students and faculty of the nearby Stevens Elementary School. Just a few of the projects: academic tutoring, "Self Esteem" conferences, luncheons for honor roll students, 16 weekly cooking classes by the chef (and a graduation ceremony and celebration meal); spelling bee preparation tutoring, CPR training for several students; and my favorite, a pajama party for special education children, including a "behind the scenes" tour of the hotel.

At The Grand Hotel

If you attended the FB membership party during the summer, you probably saw the illustrations of the remodeling and restoration "of the elegant environment" of The Grand. It is being undertaken by its new management team, the Sovereign Hotel Group Limited. Its managing partners, Colgate Holmes and Edward MacMillan, have held posts at some of the most renowned hotels in the U.S. The restoration is taking place under the direction of interior designer Carol Lascaris, A.S.I.D., of McLean, Virginia, who is "bringing (it) back to being the crown jewel of Washington's hotels." Planned are new furnishings and other amenities.

The New Cafe on M

A new restaurant opened in September at The Grand, appropriately named Cafe on M. It is a paneled, intimate restaurant seating 50 persons, and is open for lunch from noon to 2:30 p.m. (except Saturday) and 6:00-10:30 p.m. for dinner. Under the direction of Executive Chef Robert Wiedmaier, plans call for French and Belgian cuisine.

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The Becker Beat

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The items which rubbed me the wrong way are not monumental nor do they appear to involve huge amounts of tax-payer money. They stem from my perception of some questionable judgment in a couple of relatively minor matters. (I resonate to minor matters; my eyes glaze over at details of the budget, the deficit, city leases, etc.; fortunately there are many other, wiser folks in D.C. who do resonate to major items.)

1. Mayor Barry's Green Paper, September 1995. Entitled "Twelve Things Every DC Citizen Should Know About Our Changing Government," and paid for by the Mayor's Constituent Services Fund, I'm

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arrangements.

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told it is intended to communicate to and inform D.C. citizens what its city government is accomplishing — not in itself a terrible idea. Several of the 12: "Public safety, youth services, top Barry priorities;" "DC workers are dealing with change;" "Spending controls are working." But then comes #10: "Marion Barry is a good investment for DC residents."!!!!! Informative it's not. Subtle it's not.

2. October 21 City-Wide Clean-Up. On October 11 the mayor held a big press conference to announce his "Fight the Blight" project, calling on "every resident and business owner to join." Councilmember Harry Thomas said, "We want everyone out on the 21st picking up litter — if everyone fills just one bag, we will have a clean city." Our Ward 2 Councilmember sent a notice urging us to join the effort.

Many people in Foggy Bottom support such activities, and they would probably have liked to participate in the October 21 project. But how could they

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be expected to know about it, much less participate?

Why do politicians expect neighborhoods to organize such activities with practically no notice?

Does the phrase "show-boating" occur to anyone else?

P.S. We in Foggy Bottom, fortunately, can join the GWU Student Association for its November 4 clean-up (they gave us six weeks' notice).

Save Those Receipts

Safeway and Giant are again offering to local schools various kinds of equipment in exchange for store receipts. If you do not have a school you are saving them for, please save them and bring to any FBA meeting, starting in October. Check your apartment building; there may be a box in the lobby to collect the receipts. They will be turned over to Stevens Elementary School and the School Without Walls High School.

FBA Meeting Dates 1995-96

Monday, October 30

Monday, December 4
Holiday meeting

Monday, January 29

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 25

Monday April 29

Tuesday, May 28 (Monday is Memorial Day)

Monday, June 24

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Two shopping opportunities are being presented by St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 2430 K Street, N.W. The first, the church's traditional HOLIDAY FAIR, is on Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Invited craftspeople will have interesting gifts for sale; also available will be a bake table, fresh holiday wreaths and garlands - and smoked Christmas turkeys — you can order, luncheon, etc., etc. and "Advent at Saint Paul's," a new CD recording by the church's renowned choir. Get there as early as you can.

On Saturday, November 18, the popular rummage sale will be held. The FALL FAIR will feature a light lunch, white elephants, appliances, decorative and useful household items, and clothing and accessories. (Donations of clean clothing, working appliances and quality items are very welcome, AFTER SUNDAY, November 12 — as storage space is limited.) Good bargains are to be had at this sale, so mark the date and arrive early.

Radio and Television Exhibit at Colonnade

A spectacular exhibit of artifacts will be on display at the Colonnade Gallery at GWU's Marvin Center honoring the 75th anniversary of broadcasting. Entitled "Radio and Television Enter the Home," the exhibit, through November 22, features a collection of historic radio and television sets, microphones, broadcast memorabilia and commercial broadcasts.

The exhibit is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the gallery is located on the third floor of the GWU Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W.

A special event will be held on Thursday, November 2, at 5:00 p.m., when "The Big Broadcast" will be taped. Hosted by Washington radio veteran Ed Walker, it will celebrate the actual 75th anniversary of radio. It was on this date in 1920 that station KDKA in Pittsburgh provided results of the Harding-Cox presidential election, marking the first licensed radio broadcast in history.

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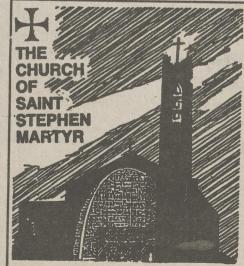
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Sidewalk Talk

by Betty Olsen

I was on my way to Safeway one night about 8:30 and smelled smoke all the way along 25th Street. When I got to Virginia Avenue I saw fire engines had immediately arrived when the alarm went in from Watergate. Seems as though there was a fire on the 9th floor and as the conversation progressed on the corner with all the spectators I learned that there was a woman and a cat involved in that particular unit. Soon we were all pleased to see the woman sitting upright without an oxygen mask and a cat being taken away. I learned a few days later, when Iane Ohler called to report that she needed a new Foggy Bottom membership card, that it was her unit that was afire from a malfunction of a hospital bed motor. Her cat, Jolie, completely white, was black that night and though not usually a lap sitter was in Jane's arms holding tight from all the excitement. At first Ohler said that all the goings-on frightened the cat and when they took her out she kept saying her adored cat was still in there. A Watergate security

guard went in and rescued the cat and returned her to Jane. The fire was contained only to her unit. However, her neighbors (who happened to be out of town) didn't respond to the heavy knocking so the firemen broke down the doors to be sure no one was overcome by smoke. Hmmm, they won't have to fish around for their keys on their return this time.

Well, Jane went to GWU hospital and Jolie went to Friendship Hospital for a few days' stay to get over their unsettling event. Most of the items in Jane's bedroom were completely unusable so what was a person to do? She called Janie, a new advertiser in the News, who went shopping for her since she really didn't have a thing to wear. Ohler was full of praise for Janie's services.

Ohler has lived in this unit since Watergate was built and was 83 years old in September.

Toni Boyer of St. Mary's Court also called about her FBA membership card. She wanted to be up to date as a member in

good standing of the FBA. Boyer is 95 years old. By the way, do vou have vour membership for the FBA for 1995-96? Go check now — we have plenty, and I'm sure one has your name on it. Send Matt Hall, membership director, a check for \$10.00 and you too can have one. (See coupon elsewhere in the News to complete and enclose with your check.)

Look for the November issue of Cigar with Count Sergei Tolstoy within its pages or perhaps even on the cover. This is a four times a year publication to a very limited market of connoisseurs of cigar extraordinaires with ads fetching \$35,000 a page. If the count hasn't kissed your hand in greeting in Foggy Bottom you have missed something; he does it so dapperly. Ahhhh, Sergei. By the way, he is the great grandson of Leo Tolstoy of War and Peace fame.

Robin Young, newly elected board member of the FBA, had a fun and memorable birthday weekend recently. Seems she and her parents and an uncle and an aunt were invited to the White House's South lawn party for Arkansans (she hails from Benton) to celebrate with the Clintons and other fellow Arkansans.

Darryl Rumsey busy over the summer going to North Dakota Miss America preliminary contest and also to West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. Mel Maeda attended preliminaries in Md., Virginia, Washington and Colorado. Friends of Rumsey and Maeda, Charles and Joy Danman, moved here recently from Hawaii. Joy is associated in sales at Saks-Jandel at Watergate so stop in to welcome her to the neighborhood.

Hadn't seen Isabella Geppert for months and our paths crossed twice in the same day recently. She's as chipper as always.

And then saw Jennie Lazowski and Mae Aaberg at a taping of Capital Gang at GWU recently.

Handy Handyside who is writing a history of the part of the states he grew up in was taken back when he visited a library in Philadelphia recently and the book he called for was delivered to him at a table with white gloves. The gloves were for him to use since the book was a rare

Sidewalk Sale at Columbia Plaza Nov. 3-4

On Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, the residents and merchants of Columbia Plaza will hold a sidewalk sale in the complex's plaza at 23rd Street & Virginia Avenue. In addition to the items for sale, the merchants are contributing merchandise for a door prize drawing.

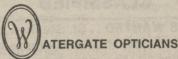
Many of the merchants are familiar to FBNews readers: Sandra Vonetes, a member of the FB Board, has just moved her flower shop to the Plaza; Danny Diaz is a longtime advertiser in the paper - and a longtime retailer at that location. Other merchants there are the drug store, just remodeled, a gourmet grocery, a dry cleaner, a liquor store, and the bank (whose employees help deliver the FBNews each

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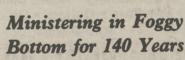


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The program consists of a clinical trial focusing on the role of diet, hormone therapy, and calcium and Vitamin D in preventing disease, and a health-tracking study for women who are not eligible for the hormone or diet parts of the study. Women may choose which parts of the program they would like to join. We welcome women of all races, backgrounds, and sexual orientations. Women in their 70's are especially encouraged to join.

The WHI clinic is located one block from the Foggy Bottom Metro at 908 New Hampshire Avenue. For more information about the Women's Health Initiative, please call 202-676-5150. Results of this important study will benefit women for years to come. Be part of the answer for your daughters and grandaughters!

New Parking Bill Introduced

As we all know, the District-wide problem of parking (or lack thereof) is particularly heightened in Foggy Bottom with the proliferation of students who park on neighborhood streets. In an effort to fight this problem, I included a provision in my parking bill which would enact much tougher measures for students seeking to obtain a D.C. parking permit.

Under current law, full-time university students from outside D.C. do not have to register their vehicles or obtain D.C. operator's permits. Further, under current law, full-time students may obtain (for only \$125) a reciprocity sticker which grants them District parking privileges (including Residential Parking Permits) without requiring residency or compliance with other motor-vehicle registration requirements.

My bill, the "Residential Parking Improvement Act of 1995," repeals these student-friendly vehicle privileges. If this legislation is passed, all full-time students must register their vehicles in the District in order to obtain residential parking permits. As many of us well know, there are many costs and requirements associated with registering a vehicle including:

-Obtaining title: includes (1) license fee based on type and weight of vehicle, (2) an excise tax based on fair market value and weight of the vehicle at a rate of 6 percent for most vehicles (e.g., a vehicle valued at \$5,000 would be taxed \$300), and (3) a \$20 basic service charge;

-Obtaining a valid D.C. driver's license (\$20, includes written test and eye examination);

-Obtaining registration and tags (at least \$65);

-Going through vehicle inspection (\$10);

-Obtaining the residential permit parking sticker (\$10); -Providing proof of full-time student status.

My parking legislation, Bill 11-335, would also address other parking concerns, including additional parking restrictions for non-Ward 2 residents in highly-impacted Ward 2 parking areas. My parking bill has been assigned to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment, which is chaired by Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas.

I hope Councilmember Thomas will schedule a public hearing in the near future. If you have further questions

or comments, please contact my office, 202-724-8058. If you would like a copy of my parking bill mailed to you, call 202-724-8050 and ask for a copy of Bill 11-335, the "Residential Parking Improvement Act of 1995."

Noise Bill Being Crafted

Maintaining peace and quiet in our neighborhoods is a never-ending battle. However, we are all severely handicapped by the fact that the Metropolitan Police cannot issue citations to a party guilty of disturbing the peace and quiet. Currently, a party making noise can only be fined once they have been monitored with decibel meters by government employees. The two main problems with this are: (1) there are not nearly enough District employees to monitor the complaints throughout the city; and (2) these workers rarely work outside their assigned 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. workshift (often, the most egregious noise violations occur well past 5 p.m.)

I have worked throughout the summer and this fall to craft legislation which will both offer neighborhoods relief from loud and disruptive noises and be able to withstand probable court challenges on constitutional grounds. The meetings I have been convening of the various parties concerned with this issue should lead to legislation which will provide meaningful relief to residents. The primary goal is to allow the police to enforce the District's noise regulations without having to go through the cumbersome process of a decibel check. I hope to have legislation before the full Council later this fall.

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By Betty Olsen

George Washington University has begun walking tours of Foggy Bottom. Interested persons should gather at The Visitors Center, Academic Center, 801 22nd Street, NW on campus at 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays to take the interesting steps through the neighborhood with students giving interesting facts. The fall tours are through November 18 and then resume February 3 through May 18. I took one on a bright and beautiful fall morning recently with new FBA member Rick Hendrickson and others under the guidance of Student Ian Rickes Trivers who hails from St. Louis but who obviously delights in D.C. and Foggy Bottom. Some of the stops are St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Watergate, Kennedy Center, Snow's Court, GW Hospital and others. You will learn something; I did, for sure.

Had a very informative phone conversation with Betty Sullivan, who is in charge of GWU Visitors Center, inviting everyone in the neighborhood and their friends from elsewhere to the tours of Foggy Bottom on behalf of GWU. Special tours can be arranged if you call 994-6602. This is the number you should also call if you are also interested in taking a double-decker bus tour on Saturdays at noon and 3 p.m., but dial the number to be sure that the double-decker is upand-running. Experienced drivers operate the bus to the Capitol, across Memorial Bridge to Arlington; a bird's eye view of Roosevelt Island, the Cathedral, then to Kennedy Center and back to the Visitors Center. This is a 50-minute tour. The walking tour is about

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an hour long, so wear comfortable shoes. During the week there are walking tours at 1 p.m. On one tour I took, there were people from many foreign countries who were visiting in our area and wanted to see Foggy Bottom. So, shouldn't you? No reservations are required; just show up and learn a thing or two and meet others who have the same interest in our neighborhood.

Catholic University are visiting St. Mary's Court on Tuesdays from 10 to 2. They will conduct blood pressure screenings on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the recreation area, presenting health talks and visiting

residents in their apartments. Their last discussion was on flu shots. If you have the time or need, you might like to join the

Sandra Vonetes, Caterer of Flowers, is now in her new location at Columbia Plaza Mall. Visit the shop, taking time to smell the roses.

Attended the Medical Center's Community Gallery "Hidden Within" work by the Nursing students from artists of the George Washington University Medical Center. "Hidden Within" is the second annual faculty, staff and alumni exhibit held at the Medical Center Community Gallery and is a representation of the artistic expression "hid-

den" at GWU/MC. For more information on these works of art, please contact the Office of Public Relations at 416-0050. Ruth Jordan is the Director of the Public Relations Dept. of the Hospital.

The United Church celebrates this year the merger 20 years ago of Concordia United Church and Union United Methodist Church. Both parent churches are part of the

rich history of the Foggy Bottom area, serving the communities as a hospital during the Civil War and the center of the German community when Foggy Bottom was known as Little Hamburg. Services are held regularly in German and English. For more information please call the Church office at 331-1495. The Church is located at 1920 G Street, N.W.

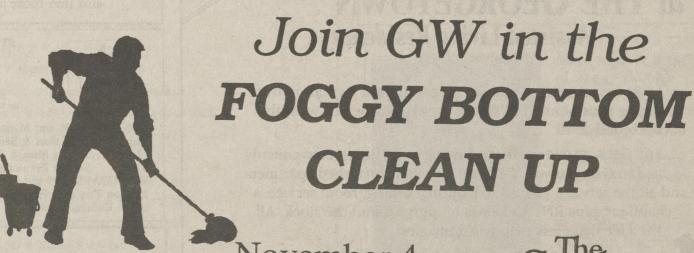
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Becker, dispatched me to get to the bottom of it. I decided to try the straightforward approach first. When no one responded to the doorbell, I circled the building a couple of times searching for a clue. Finding nothing, I headed over to the senior center to question a couple of residents. One man told me people turn out on Wednesday evenings. Great, I figured! I came on the appropriate night. Arriving back at the mystery manor, I finally noticed a small logo carved in the granite gate out front. It read "Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Friendship Lodge #12." Hardly what I had in mind, but it gave me something to work with. Having witnessed no Odd Fellows coming or going for the next half hour, I decided to break camp for a while and head home.

The mysterious Odd Fellows were actually listed in the One Book, so I tried approach number two. I reached a recording telling me that Lodge meetings were indeed on Wednesday evenings and who to call if I needed to speak with a virtual human. Great, I was getting closer.

Unfortunately, this was not a positive step, as I connected with the contact's wife, who informed me that her Odd Fellow husband was hospitalized and unable to speak following a recent stroke. The poor woman informed me she was bedridden herself due to have suffered a similar affliction. Confounded, I gave her what solace I could and assured her I would have no trouble acquiring the information elsewhere.

I finally unearthed some

reference materials on the Odd Fellows in the Library of Congress' vast database, so now I can fill you all in. The organization dates back to the marble masons of London at the end of the eighteenth century. It was a sort of union formed to create a daily fund to be used by members when disabled by disease. The first U.S. chapter of the Odd Fellows was founded at the Tavern of the Seven Stars in Baltimore on April 26, 1819. Since then, the Odd Fellows have become known for their spirit of philanthropy, in addition to their participation in various processions including

As for the discreet appearance of the Lodge, well, that is no accident. Lodge meetings have been shrouded in secrecy since the very beginning, in order to protect the exclusive claims of

the Rose Parade in California.

family members to the "joint labors and contributions of the mutual relief society." Assembly privacy is insured by two official guardians and use of ritualistic, ceremonial language.

Although members maintain that they are a moral, rather than a religious organization, the Holy Bible is an integral part of Odd Fellowship, and meetings are opened and closed with prayer. Members' primary duties include visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead and educating the orphan. To this end, they have set

up various college scholarships and the Odd Fellows World Eye Bank and Visual Research Foundation.

There you have it! So, maybe you're actually a little disappointed that there won't be any itinerant Aldrich Ames types roving stealthily about the Bottom. Better yet, however, we now know that our mysterious neighbors are primarily engaged in the not-so-covert furtherance of benevolence and charity toward their community and all of mankind.

Welcome Newcomers (from page 1)

5. Neighborhood watch. Keep an eye out for out-of-theordinary things in the neighborhood. The police non-emergency number is 727-4326; ask them to investigate. Of course, the emergency number is 911.

For those in houses:

6. Trash Collection. Regular pickups are made on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Properly bagged trash should be put out before 7 a.m. these mornings but not before 6 p.m. the evening before. A Monday or Tuesday holiday will delay the regular Tuesday pickup one day; a Friday holiday will advance it one day; check the paper or ask a neighbor if in doubt.

7. Recyclables. Regular, but separate, pickups are made only on Friday. Papers should be bundled and tied securely or in a blue recyclable bag. Glass bottles and aluminum cans should be placed in a blue recyclable bag.



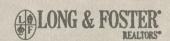
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Saturday, October 28: Holiday Fair, featuring invited craftspeople, interesting gifts, bake table, luncheon, etc. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28: West End Citizens Association meeting, featuring Ward Two Councilmember Iack Evans as speaker, followed by social and refreshments. State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F. Street, N.W. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29: Dr. Gail Lowe, Historian, Anacostia Museum, will be the guest speaker at the service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. Other churches that once called Foggy Bottom home are being invited to celebrate a "Foggy Bottom Homecoming." 11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 29: National Musical Arts "Halloween Music" concert, featuring Charles Ives' "All the Way Round and Back" and "Hallowe'n," "The 'Ghost' Trio," Op. 70, by Ludwig van Beethoven, and "Hyde & Jekyll" by Jon Deak (enhanced by slide projections). National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W.

4:00 p.m. Monday, October 30: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Jacqueline Barnes, new commander of the Second District, Metropolitan Police. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2: "The Big Broadcast," taping in honor of the 75th anniversary of the first licensed radio broadcast in history, hosted by radio veteran Ed Walker. Colonnade Gallery, 3rd floor, Marvin Center, George Washington University, 800 21st Street, N.W. 5:00 p.m. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

Thursday, November 2: Ward 2 Town Meeting with Mayor Marion Barry, accompanied by Cabinet members. Francis Junior High School, 24th

& N Streets, N.W. 7:30-9:30 p.m. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

Friday-Saturday, November 3-4: Sidewalk Sale, sponsored by the residents and merchants of Columbia Plaza, 23rd and Virginia Avenue, N.W. In addition to the items for sale, the merchants are contributing merchandise for a door prize drawing. Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. -3:00 pm.

Saturday, November 4: "Sentimental Journey," a reprise of World War II era songs, presented by the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. \$10-\$12; for information and tickets call 301-530-7823. Lisner Auditoriium, 730 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12: "Completely George Concert," with the GW University Wind Ensemble. Presented by the GWU Department of Music. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. Call 202-994-6245. 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15: Investors' Town Meeting, presented by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16: Fight the Flu campaign, providing flu shots for D.C. residents over 60 years of age, given by IONA Senior Services, in cooperation with the D.C. Department of Public Health and the Georgetown University School of Nursing. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18: Fall Fair, featuring the annual popular sale of white elephants, appliances, clothing and quality items for sale. Donations of quality items are welcome after Sunday, November 12. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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cooperation with the D.C. Department of Public Health, will give the flu vaccine to D.C. residents over 60 years of age. University Georgetown undergraduate nursing students are helping with the program. Mark the date for Foggy Bottom: Thursday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street,

Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone over 65 years and older. The flu season usually lasts from November until April. Most people are ill for only a few days; however, the complications can be life-threatening. Thousands of people in the U.S. die each year; the elderly and those with

IONA Senior Services, in chronic diseases are most a risk. Medicare Part B covers the cost of the vaccine, so those interested should bring Medicare cards. Othrewise a \$5 contribution will be requested. For more information, please call IONA Senior Services at 202-895-0234.

> Those under the age of 60 may be immunized (and recent reports stress its importance for voung adults) through the Visiting Nurse Association's Fight the Flu campaign. The VNA will administer flu shots to adults, 18 and older, at many locations in the community through November 18. Call the Fight the Flu hotline a 202-895-5BUG (202-895-5284) for clinic locations. The cost is \$15, with proceeds designated for charity home health care.



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